

COMMUNITY

Guatemalan Fundraiser

by Tripp Sommer

Eugene is one of the many cities around the nation preparing to honor and help the people of Guatemala. The honor is due to their dignity and determination to persevere under military rule. The help is needed to replace burned out villages and crops.

Nationally, the effort is being organized as "Work-a-Day, Join Hands with the People of Guatemala" on Oct. 20 and 21. The dates were chosen to coincide with the 41st anniversary of the beginning of "The Ten Years of Spring." On Oct. 20, 1944, an uprising brought Guatemala ten years of democratic reforms for the first and only time this century. The people were encouraged to form agrarian committees and cooperatives, as well as organize unions. All this ended with a military coup in 1954. Now Guatemalans are on the run from torture and assassinations instigated by the government. Tens of thousands of peasants, including many Indians, are under military control in strategically placed hamlets. The Guatemalan people are struggling to maintain their languages and crafts. Many strive to survive poverty and hunger. The first open national elections in 31 years are scheduled for this Nov. 3. Some observers believe the military will continue to rule the country after the voting. And the United States is expected to increase aid to the Guatemalan government in the next fiscal year.

Meanwhile, Americans are coming to the aid of the Guatemalan people who are still in that country, as well as those who have sought refuge in Southern Mexico. On Oct. 20 and 21, various fundraising activities will take place. In Eugene, Committee in Solidarity with Central American People (CISCAP) and Guatemalan Refugee Alliance Consciously Involved Action & Service (GRACIAS) are combining their energies to organize Work-a-Day. Area businesses and individuals are being asked to donate all or a portion of one day's earnings.

Money donated in the Eugene-Springfield area will be quickly routed to two relief agencies. The Guatemalan Relief Project will administer aid directly to projects in the refugee camps of Southern Mexico. In Guatemala, contributions will be distributed by the Program for Emergency Assistance, Cooperation, and Education (PEACE). PEACE works directly with grassroots organizations to help displaced people. Funds will be used in Guatemala

to buy seeds for next year's crops and lumber to rebuild shelters for the homeless.

CISCAP and GRACIAS urge the people of Eugene-Springfield to join hands with the people of Guatemala with Work-a-Day on October 21. Donations of all or part of a day's wages will be welcome and put to good use for the people of Guatemala. A celebration of the success of Work-a-Day will be held Monday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry in Eugene. The evening will include a slide show and update of events in Guatemala and Mexico, presented by Bill and Judy Lasswell. Bill has recently returned from Northern Guatemala and Southern Mexico. A special Guatemalan textile exhibit will also be on display, and childcare will be provided.

If you can't make it to the reception, simply mail your Work-a-Day pledge to: Guatemalan Work-a-Day, c/o CISCAP, 372 W. 10th, Eugene, OR 97401. Please make your checks out to McKenzie River Gathering, our tax deductible sponsor. For more information, call Guy at CISCAP, 485-1755.

Educating for peace

A Conference on Parenting and Educating for Peace will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 14th and Olive Streets. In spite of the recent fire at the church, the conference will still be held there. Sponsored by Families for Survival and free to the public, the conference will offer workshops for parents, teachers and children.

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- What Do Children Learn from Violent T.V. and Military Toys
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